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1. IN COURSE MY INITIAL COURTESY CALL ON FONMIN MALIK (MARCH 2) I MENTIONED OUR CONCERN AT INDONESIAN VOTE ON PRG ATTENDANCE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE. MALIK COMMENTED THAT MATTER NOW RESOLVED BY VOTE BUT THAT INDONESIA VOTED FOR PRG ATTENDANCE AS BEING CONSISTENT WITH PARIS AGREEMENTS AS WELL AS FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS.

2. I POINTED OUT PARIS AGREEMENTS DID NOT ACCORD RECOGNITION TO PRG AND THAT WE CAREFULLY AVOIDED SUCH IMPLICATION. MALIK OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED WITH IDEA OF THREE VIETNAMS (REF B) MENTIONED CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD IN SINGAPORE ON FEBRUARY 28 WITH INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO HANOI IN WHICH LATTER HAD CONJECTURED ON POSSIBILIYT OF HANOI BEING ENCOURAGED TO RECOGNIZE SAIGON. MALIK
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COMMENTED SITUATION COULD EVOLVE IN DIRECTION OF THREE

ENTITIES AND ADDED THAT,IFHOPEFULLY, SUCH EVOLUTION WOULD
MAKE SOLUTION EASIER-- THOUGH IT WAS PROBABLY NOT
POSSIBLE. I POINTED OUT WE OBVIOUSLY HAD DIFFERENCE OF
APPROACH AND ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO AVOIDING IMPLICATION
OF RECOGNITION OF PRG AS SEPARATE ENTITY.

3. AT SAME TIME I TOOK OCCASION TO STRESS IMPORTANCE
WE ATTACH TO INDONESIAN ROLE IN ICCS AND PROVEN CONTRI-
BUTIONS WHICH ICCS, DESPITE DIFFICULTIES, IS MAKING TO
MAINTENANCE OF PEACE.
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